(e) IIMs have decided to hold the re-test on 15th February, 2004.

(f) CBSE has informed that there has been no leakage of question paper of Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Examination of CBSE. In September, 2003 a writ petition was filed in the Delhi High Court regarding leakage of paper for written examination for the post of Probationary officer in Indian Bank. Indian Bank and Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) have reported that all the records were found intact and have refuted the allegation. Indian Bank has already filed a counter affidavit in the Hon'ble High Court and the matter is *subjudice*.

(g) The Ministry has set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Shri V.K. Shunglu, Ex-C&AG to look into the matter and suggest remedial recourses.

Permanent Station in Antarctica

1177. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India plans to set up permanent station in Antarctica;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the studies proposed to be made in country's interest like under sea mining and unraveling monsoon mystery?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In addition to the existing permanent station in Antarctica 'Maitri', an exploratory survey is proposed to be undertaken during the forthcoming XXIII Indian Antarctic Expedition, to locate a suitable site for setting up another Scientific Station at Antarctica.

(c) No study is proposed to be carried out presently for under sea mining at Antarctica.

The Indian South-West monsoon is known to be influenced by several antecedent and concurrent land-ocean-atmosphere factors across the globe. Knowledge of such global parameters is the basis of monsoon prediction. Meteorological programme over Antarctica is specifically aimed to prepare a data base of meteorological parameters over

Antarctica, which may be helpful to understand the global aspects of Indian weather in general and monsoon behaviour in particular.

Problems at Vijayawada and Guntur

1178. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether problems of Vijayawada and Guntur Railway divisions were put before Railway Authorities in September, 2003 to run new railway trains besides providing facilities to passengers; and

(b) if so, the response of Railway Authorities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposals received were examined and those found feasible and justified have been agreed to.

New train from Yesvantpur to Nizamuddin

1179. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a new train from Yesvantpur to Nizamuddin;

(b) if so, by when the new train will be introduced;

(c) number of coaches and berths proposed to be provided in the said train; and

(d) whether it will run daily or bi-weekly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Yesvantpur-Nizamuddin Express will be introduced during the current financial year as a tri-weekly service. The train will have Sleeper and airconditioned accommondation. The actual number of coaches will be decided upon the basis of operational feasibility and availability of coaches.